

Minutes

Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee

October 29, 2019
Committee Room A
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Members: A. Eek, J. Bartley, M. Bhim, C. Burkholder, T. Chinyani, S. Dhir,
K. Empringham, J. Pegg, J. Stonehocker, B. Wills
Staff: C. Goodeve, M. Hassanali, J. Magill, C. Narula, J. Wheatle

A. Call to Order

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

B. Disclosures of Interest

None.

C. Welcome and Roundtable Introductions

Jonathan Wheatle, Manager of Strategic Economic Initiatives welcomed members to the first meeting of the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee.

D. Committee and Council Decision-Making Processes

The Committee received the presentation by Colin Goodeve, Deputy Regional Clerk, regarding Committee and Council Decision-Making Processes.

E. Election of Chair

Councillor Eek was nominated for the position of Chair of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee. There being no further nominations, Councillor Eek was acclaimed as Chair.

F. Election of Vice Chair

Kim Empringham was nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee. There being no further nominations, Kim Empringham was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

G. Presentations

G.1 Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update

The Committee received the presentation by Meena Hassanali, Rural and Agri-Food Business Development Specialist and Chhavi Narula, Planner regarding the Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy Overview and Update.

H. Deputations

None.

I. Communications

None.

J. Other Business

J.1 Exploring Future Ploughing Event in York Region

The Committee provided staff with feedback on challenges and opportunities associated with hosting a ploughing event in York Region. It was identified that the Region does not have the capacity to facilitate hosting this kind of event.

K. Adjournment

The York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.